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Daily we strive to inspire learning, courage, and joy in the developing human being.

2018-2019 PROFILE FOR COLLEGES

Founded in 1980, the Seattle Waldorf School serves 399 students in Preschool through Grade 12. Our 9-12 high school division was launched in 1999, joined SWS in 2007, and is the only Waldorf high school in Washington state. Our college preparatory program follows a curriculum grounded in the teachings of Rudolf Steiner, the founder of Waldorf education.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SWS students meet life with courage and respond with initiative and creativity to the needs of the world and their fellow human beings. They learn through:

Experiential Education - Waldorf schools are rooted in the belief that students learn by doing. Whenever possible, knowledge is discovered, not delivered.

Developmental Pedagogy - Students become agile and confident thinkers through studies designed to meet the developmental stages of adolescents.

Outdoor Education - Students participate each year in two, week-long outdoor trips focused on specific science classes, wilderness exploration, and service projects.

Global Connection - Students learn about the world through our international program and student exchanges within the Waldorf school global network.

Arts - All students take art and music classes, every week. Drama, music, and visual arts are integral components of the high school curriculum.

Senior Project - In the senior year, each student completes an intensive Senior Project. Since 2017, subjects have included writing and staging a play, restoring a car, learning Java, becoming an EMT, and scoring a film, among others.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

SWS students learn chemistry, physics, biology, and earth science each year. The humanities curriculum includes courses in civics, ethics, and the study of history through art and architecture, in addition to literature, writing, and standard history subjects. Arts courses are interdisciplinary; students write original plays in drama and produce graphic novels in art.

SWS has made an intentional decision to limit the use of technology school-wide. Students receive guidance in using computers for writing and research, but laptops are used in class only with teacher permission. Students learn to take notes by hand. Cell phone use is limited to time outside of class.

Extracurricular clubs include robotics, drama club, student government, and yearbook. Intermural sports include Ultimate, volleyball, and cross country.

COMMUNITY

High school enrollment:

- 87 students in grades 9-12
- Average class size 13 students
- Students of color comprise 25% of student body (not including exchange students)
- 51% of students receive need-based financial aid

High school faculty:

- 28 faculty members
- 54% hold advanced degrees
- 12% hold doctorates

ACCREDITATION

SWS is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS), the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA), and the Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS).

LOCATION

SWS High School is located in Magnuson Park, a 350-acre park just north of the University of Washington. Park amenities include ball fields, waterfront areas, community gardens, theater and gym facilities. Our park neighbors include arts organizations and nonprofits, and SWS has collaborative partnerships with many of these groups.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADES

Students at SWS earn letter grades (A, B, C, D, F), except in ungraded movement and life skills classes. We calculate GPA based on a 4.0 scale, with A=4, A-=3.7, B+=3.3, B=3, B-=2.7, etc. Grading is cumulative and holistic. For the graduating classes of 2017 and 2018, **the average GPA was 3.36**. SWS participates in the Mastery Transcript Consortium.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

SWS operates on a three-term calendar. Math and World Language are taught in year-long courses. Humanities subjects rotate each term. Laboratory sciences, social studies, and literature are taught in Morning Lesson blocks of roughly four weeks. Graduates earn four or more full credits in Mathematics, Science, and Literature, and three or more in Social Studies and World Language (Spanish or Chinese-Mandarin). Students in math classes in grades 9, 10, and 11 may opt



to meet honors requirements, while seniors may elect to study calculus. All students study visual arts, music, and theater arts each year for a total of between 6 and 8 credits. Students earn 0.5 credit per year in P.E. and Eurythmy, a movement class. Hikes and service trips occur in fall and spring, and a life skills series extends over four years.

STANDARDIZED TESTS AT SWS

At SWS, many students encounter multiple-choice tests for the first time when they take the PSAT/10 in grade 10. Our college counseling program helps students become familiar with standardized tests, but we do not emphasize them.

Scores, middle 50%, 2014-2018:

SAT (51 students tested)
EBRW: 570-690
Math: 520-640
ACT (19 students tested)
Composite: 19-25



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Seattle Waldorf School graduates' acceptances (selected) and colleges attended, 2011-2018:

Allegheny College
American University
Baldwin Wallace University
Beloit College
Bennington College
California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
California State University-Monterey Bay
Carleton College
Central Washington University
Chapman University
Clark University
Colorado State University
College of Wooster
Concordia University-Portland
Cornish College of the Arts
DePaul University
Drexel University
Earlham College
Elon University
Emerson College
The Evergreen State College

Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
Gonzaga University
Goucher College
Hampshire College
Indiana University
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Lafayette College
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Long Island Univ., Brooklyn (International Program)
Loyola Marymount University
Lynchburg College
Macalester College
Marquette University
The New School-Parsons School of Design
The New School-Eugene Lang College
New York University
Occidental College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Portland State University (Honors Program)
Pratt Institute
Reed College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
San Diego State University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Seattle University
Smith College
St. John's University
St. Olaf College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Syracuse University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
University of Arizona
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-San Diego
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Denver
University of Montana
University of Northern Colorado
University of Oregon (Clark

Honors College)
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of the Pacific
University of Vermont
University of Washington-Bothell
University of Washington-Seattle
Vassar College
Wagner College
Warren Wilson College
Washington State University
Western Washington University (+ Fairhaven)
Whitman College
Whittier College
Willamette University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Non-U.S. schools:

National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland
Quest University, Squamish, B.C., Canada
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada